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## AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

## IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 15, line 25, as follows:

the optimum recording condition information information adapted to determine whether or not the procedure for detecting an optimum recording power value is to be conducted for recording of data. Referring to Fig. 11, such optimum recording condition information is illustrated. As shown in Fig. 11, the optimum recording condition information consists of 42-bit data including 4-bit sync data, 3-bit optimum power data indicative of the detected power value, a 12-bit RID code indicative of a recorder ID stored in a memory internally equipped in the microcomputer 100, and 4-bit record speed data indicative of the current recording speed, 3-bit write strategy indicative of write strategy type, 2-bit reserved data, and 14-bit CRC data for error check, to be used or used to record data.

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 16, line 11, as follows:

addition to the 42-bit optimum recording condition information, null data may be written on the remaining area of the Application No.: 09/664,360 Attorney Docket No. 3449-0132P Art Unit 2653 Page 3

1ATIP (1 Absolute Time In Pre-groove) frame. In order to obtain an enhanced reliability, the optimum recording condition information may also be repeatedly recorded within the length of the 1 ATIP frame.